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REMARKS

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office action mailed September 23, 2004. Claims 1-27 were examined.

Claims 19-20, 22-23, and 26-27 have been indicated by the Office as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The Applicant has amended claims 19-20 and 26-27 (claims 22-23 depend from amended claim 19), and allowance of these claims is therefore requested. Claims 1-18, 21, and 24-25 have been cancelled. New claims 28-44 have been added. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-2, 9-11, 13, 16-18, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being purportedly anticipated by US Patent No. 5,874,988 to Gu et al. ("Gu"). Claims 1-2, 9-11, 13, 16-18, and 21 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 3-5, 6, 8, 12, 14-15 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Gu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,103 to Barton et al. ("Barton"). Claims 3-5, 6, 8, 12, 14-15 and 24-25 have been cancelled.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Gu and Barton in view of an article by Braun et al. ("Braun"). Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office states that claims 19-20, 22-23, and 26-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 19-20, and 26-27 have been written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. Claims 22-23 depend from amended claim 19. Therefore, allowance of claims 19-20, 22-23, and 26-27 is respectfully requested.

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New Claims

Claims 28-44 have been added and are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art, which fail to disclose the recited adjustment of pixel values.

Conclusion

Based on the amendments and remarks herein, the Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 19-20, 22-23, 26-27 and 28-44 in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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